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1. QUOTED BELOW IS DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 3032/12/39 VOL. V, DATED AUGUST2, 1978 RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS. NOTE PROVIDES GOB'S REPLY TO EMBASSY'S OWN DIPNOTE AND SUBSEQUENT ORAL PRESENTATIONS ASKING FOR GOB REACTIONS TO CAB DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN AIRLINES AND INTERNATIONAL AIRLIFT, INC. TO OPERATE ALL-CARGO SERVICES UNDER USA/BARBADOS AIR TRANSPORT UNDERSTANDING OF APRIL 1972, AS AMENDED.

2. QUOTE.... AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE LATTER'S NOTE NO. 59 OF 20TH JUNE, 1978 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF AMERICAN AIRLINE INC. AND AIRLIFT INC. (SIC) TO OPERATE ALL-CARGO SERVICES UNDER THE USA/BARBADOS AIR TRANSPORT UNDERSTANDING OF 27TH APRIL 1972, AS AMENDED.

THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF BARBADOS, IN AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE ABOVE AIR TRANSPORT UNDERSTANDING, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE BACKGROUND AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PREVAILED AT THE TIME OF ITS FORMULATION, ARE INCLINED
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TO THE VIEW THAT THE ROUTES EXCHANGED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WERE INTENDED FOR THE OPERATION OF COMBINATION SERVICES. IN THEIR VIEW, THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF BARBADOS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT IN FORMALISING THE THEN EXISTING SERVICES, THE UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE ROUTES WOULD BE GRANTED TO COINCIDE WITH THE FORM OF THE EXISTING SERVICES THEN

PROVIDED. AS SUCH, IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT WITHIN
THE CONTEMPLATION OF THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF
BARBADOS, AT THAT TIME, THAT CONSIDERATION WOULD BE
GIVEN TO THE OPERATION OF AN ALL CARGO SERVICES (SIC)
WHICH, IN CHARACTER, IS ESSENTIALLY DISSIMILAR TO A COMBINATION
SERVICE.

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND, IN VIEW OF OTHER AREAS IN THE
EXISTING UNDERSTANDING ITSELF WHICH APPEAR UNCLEAR, IT
SEEMS APPROPRIATE FOR THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO AWAIT
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR AIR TRANSPORT RELATIONS ON A FIRM
AND MORE PRECISE BASIS PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH THE DESIG-
NATIONS IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE UNDER REFERENCE
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